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Routzahn-Summers Farmstead  
Myersville vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1820-1910

The Routzahn-Summers Farmstead is centered on a circa 1820 two-story brick dwelling with a two-story side wing fronted by a two-story integral porch. The main section of the house has a Tuscan-columned entry porch probably added in the period 1905-1910. The domestic outbuildings include a two-story stone and log springhouse which may date from about 1800 as the original dwelling on the property, and a brick smokehouse. A stone and frame barn of the second quarter of the 19th century was enlarged in the first decade of the 20th century and a combination wagon shed/hog barn was also built during this period, along with two frame chicken houses. The farmstead is a good representative of the planning of the early 19th century farmstead around the water source, a vital element in both the agricultural and domestic areas of the group, and of the log and stone vernacular architecture of the first quarter and the brick architecture of the second quarter of the 19th century.

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Myersville

Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870

Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:

Domestic/single dwelling/residence

Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen

Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn

Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Routzahn-Summers Farmstead

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 9416 Mt. Tabor Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Myersville ☒ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Grayson E. &amp; Helen E. Summers

street &amp; number 2509 Milt Summers Road telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 446

street &amp; number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 485

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

Survey No. F-4-99

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7

The Routzahn-Summers Farmstead is an originally agricultural complex now used as a private residence, which is centered on a two-story brick dwelling built about 1820-1830 with two domestic outbuildings and a large frame and stone bank barn of the same period, and two chicken houses and a wagon shed/hog barn of about 1905-1910. The farmstead is located on the west side of Mt. Tabor Road opposite the intersection of Milt Summers Road near Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The buildings are located near the center of the parcel at the end of a drive and at the edge of a pond formed by the spring on the property, undoubtedly a factor in the location of the farmstead.

The dwelling has two sections, a three-bay main section on the north and a four-bay wing on the south with an integral two-story porch. Both sections face east. The walls are laid in 5:1 American bond and are painted brick red. The three-bay section has a center entrance and a one-story porch with Tuscan columns, which was probably added in the period 1905-1910. The window and door openings have plain lintels and sills and the doorway has a three-light transom. The door has 6 panels. The sash is 6/6 with louvred shutters. The cornice is boxed and the roof is covered with corrugated metal. The chimneys are at each gable end and at the joining wall between the main section and wing. The wing has a plain balustrade and square posts on each level. The four bays have two entries in the inner bays. One of the doors has glazed upper panels, while the other has four solid panels. The bases of the porches on both the main section and the wing have brick pedestals, perhaps indicating that these were built in the early 20th century to replace earlier porch foundations. The north elevation has two bays with 6/6 sash and two attic windows with 2/2 sash. The west elevation has an irregular bay arrangement, with three bays in the center flanked by incomplete bays at each end of the house. The northernmost bay has a door to the rear of the main section under a small shed roof. The southernmost bay in the wing section has a similar entrance sheltered under a small entry porch, which was probably added in the early 20th century. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Domestic outbuildings:

Springhouse: The stone and log springhouse is a two-story building located southwest of the house and placed diagonally to the plane of the house. The stone first level has three openings on the northeast elevation with doors in the outer bays. One of these at the southeast corner is a vertical board door, while the other has a an open or glazed panel. The center bay has a 6/6 window. The fieldstone walls were once whitewashed and some of this survives on the northeast elevation. The second story of the springhouse is exposed log on the northeast side, but the log structure is covered with corrugated metal siding on the other elevations. The second story has a cantilevered porch with a side access stair and a plain horizontal railing with square posts. The second story has two bays with a vertical board door and a 6/6 window. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and

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## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1830

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Routzahn-Summers Farmstead is a good representative of the architecture and planning of farm groups in the first and second quarters of the 19th century. The log and stone springhouse, which may have been the original dwelling on the farm and was possibly built 1800-1820, indicates the importance of water to the agricultural complex. The other buildings seem to have been located in relation to the spring, with the barn and other agricultural buildings southwest of the water source and convenient for animal use, and the domestic buildings northeast of the springhouse, but nearby for access. The log and stone materials and vernacular design of the springhouse also support its greater age. The main brick dwelling house is fairly typical of the period 1820-1840, the side wing being a variation of the perpendicular wing plan used by German settlers in the Middletown Valley.

Title research indicates that Adam Roughsong (sic) had one of the three original farm tracts, "Adam's Expense", resurveyed in 1792 for 357 acres. Part of another tract, "Quaker's Mistake", may date to 1784 or earlier. The family name soon became more commonly spelled as Routzahn. Adam Routzahn (c. 1736-1827) had 9 children, one of whom was probably George Routzahn Sr. (1774-1867), the first owner verified by the title chain. Presumably either father or son had the brick house built. In 1848, George L. Routzahn, Jr. inherited the farm from George, Sr., by arrangement for a series of payments beginning in 1850 at \$40 per acre. By 1874, George, Jr. had overwhelming debts and the property was sold with all its livestock, implements, and furniture to William Miller, whose son John farmed the property until 1904 when Milton V. Summers purchased it, apparently via his father Joshua Summers. In the 1910 Williams History of Frederick County, the Summers farm was described: ". . . the property known as the old Routzahn place, containing 140 acres of excellent land . . . This farm, his present home, has a beautiful location, and boasts of its spring of delicious water which runs through the farm. Mr. Summers immediately began improving his property. He remodeled his comfortable two-story brick dwelling, and barn and all the necessary outbuildings. His skillful cultivation has improved the quality of the land, and his farm is now considered one of the best in the district." This last compliment is one which was frequently used in the Williams history, suggesting that the Middletown Valley was filled with rich, prosperous farms similar to the Routzahn-Summers Farmstead. Available survey data tends to support this context.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-99

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Middletown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling on Tax Map 45, Parcel 45.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning &amp; Zoning Dept. date July 1992

street &amp; number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCP/DHCE  
100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2022  
514-7600

### 7.1 Description (Continued)

an interior end chimney rises at the south gable end. The springhouse interior was inaccessible, so the determination of the use of the upper level is incomplete. It may have been a summer kitchen, slave quarters, or a wash house. Its date appears to be contemporary with the house; however, it is possible that the building could pre-date the brick house by 20-25 years, and may have been the first residence on the farm.

**Smokehouse:** The square plan brick smokehouse is located south of the house. It has a hipped or pyramidal roof covered with corrugated metal. A single vertical board door is in the north elevation. This building also appears to have been built during the same period as the brick dwelling.

**Bank barn:** The large frame and stone back barn is located southwest of the house. Originally built in the first or second quarter of the 19th century, it was probably enlarged during the first decade of the 20th century. The foundation and stall level on the east are fieldstone which has been whitewashed in the past and still survives on the older section of the barn in the souther portion of the building. The northern section, which is indicated by the stalls section enclosed by flush horizontal boards, is the early 20th century part. The upper section of the barn has vertical siding and two swing doors painted white on the east elevation. The roof is covered with corrugated metal. The barn is still in use as a cow barn.

**Wagon shed/hog barn:** The frame wagon shed with its attached hog barn was built in the first decade of the 20th century. Located east of the barn, the wagon shed has a single bay on the north elevation with vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof which extends to the east to cover the hog barn. The barn section has two open doorways on the east elevation. The entire shed is now used as storage space.

**Chicken houses:** Two chicken houses are located northwest of the wagon shed. One is a rectangular frame building with a corrugated metal shed roof and vertical board siding and doors on the east elevation. The second chicken house is a round "brooder" house located north of the main chicken coop. It has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. Both chicken houses date from the early 20th century.

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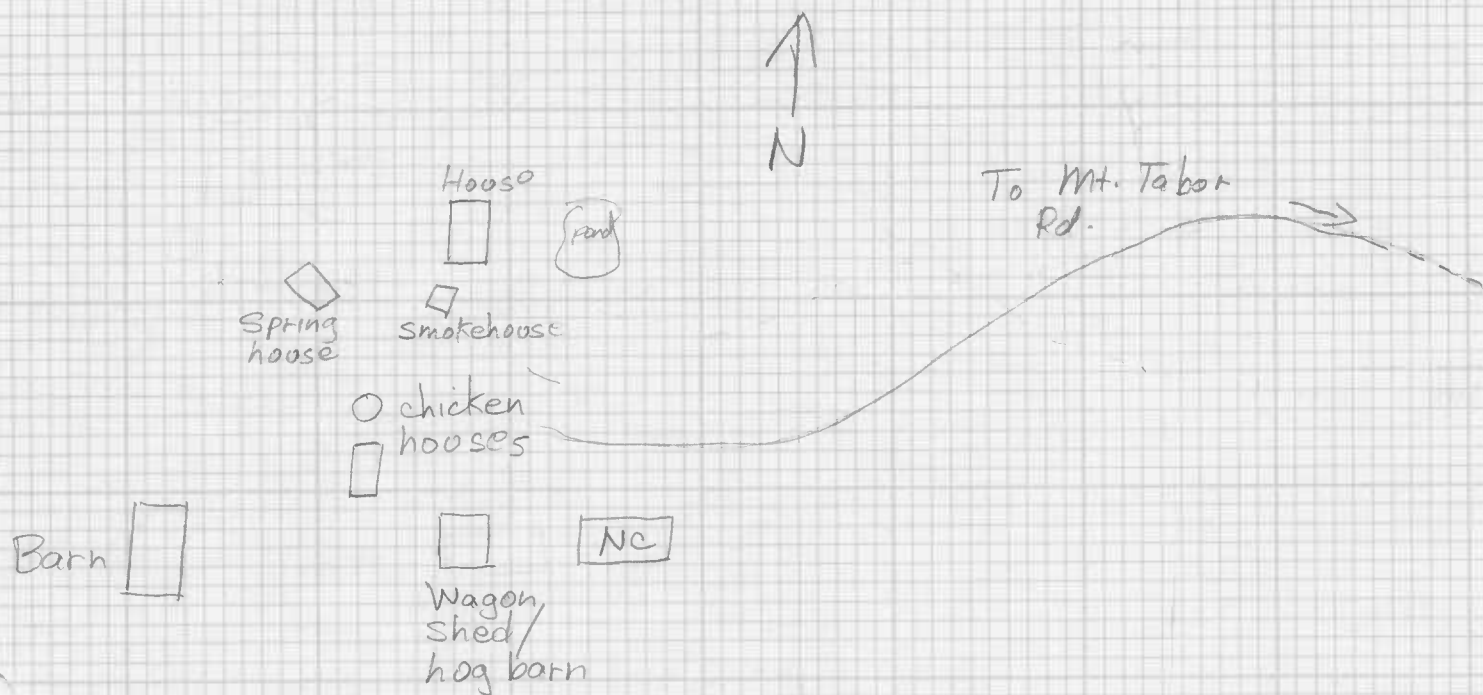
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446/485 16 Apr 45	Grayson E. + Helen E. Summers	Milton V. + Namie M. Summers	147A.		
STH 287/272 30 Mar 04	Milton V. + Namie M. Summers	John L. + Clairinda Miller	"Adam's Expense" "Little Good" "Quaker's Mistake" 147A.	\$8,000	
WIP 9/479 5 Jul 1889	John L. + <del>Clairinda</del> Miller	William + Louisa Miller	"Adam's Expense" "Little Good" "Quaker's Mistake" 147A.	\$5,000	
<del>TH</del> 2/298 19 Mar 1874	William Miller	Otho B. Smith + Anna C. Smith	240A.	\$14,500	
TG 2/296 7 Nov 1874	Otho B. Smith	John Mudock + William Miller, trustees	160A. + 8A from Marine in 1869 + 46A from Mrs. Miller		
TG 1/197 9 Feb 1874	John Mudock + William Miller trustees in Equity #3954	George L. Rautzahn, Jr.	206A. + horses, cattle, -hogs, farm implements, household + kitchen furniture.		F-4-99
ES 1/510 17 June 1856	George L. Rautzahn Jr.	George Rautzahn, Sr.	"Little Good" "Adam's Expense" "Quaker's Mistake" 160A.	\$6,400	

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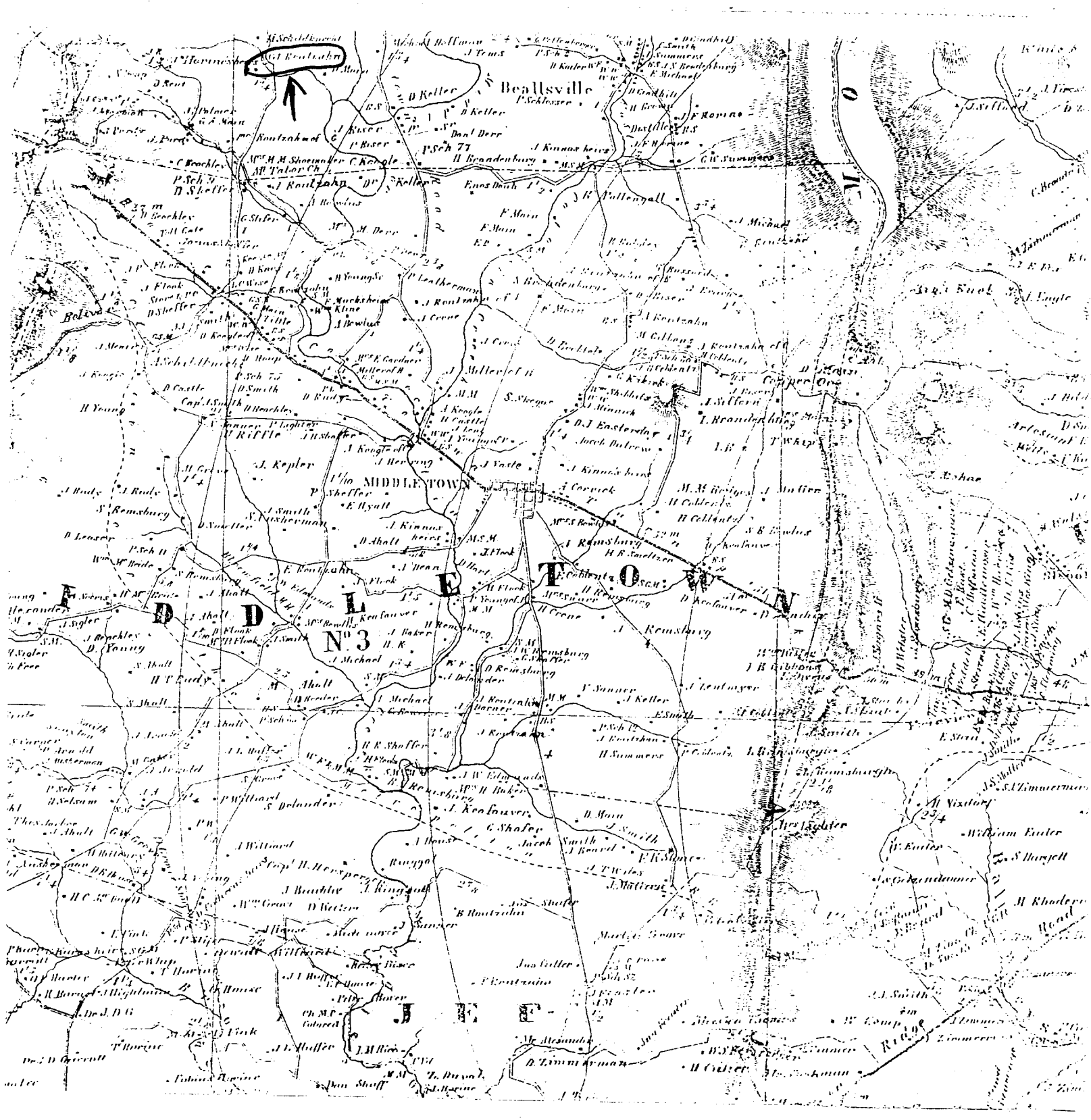


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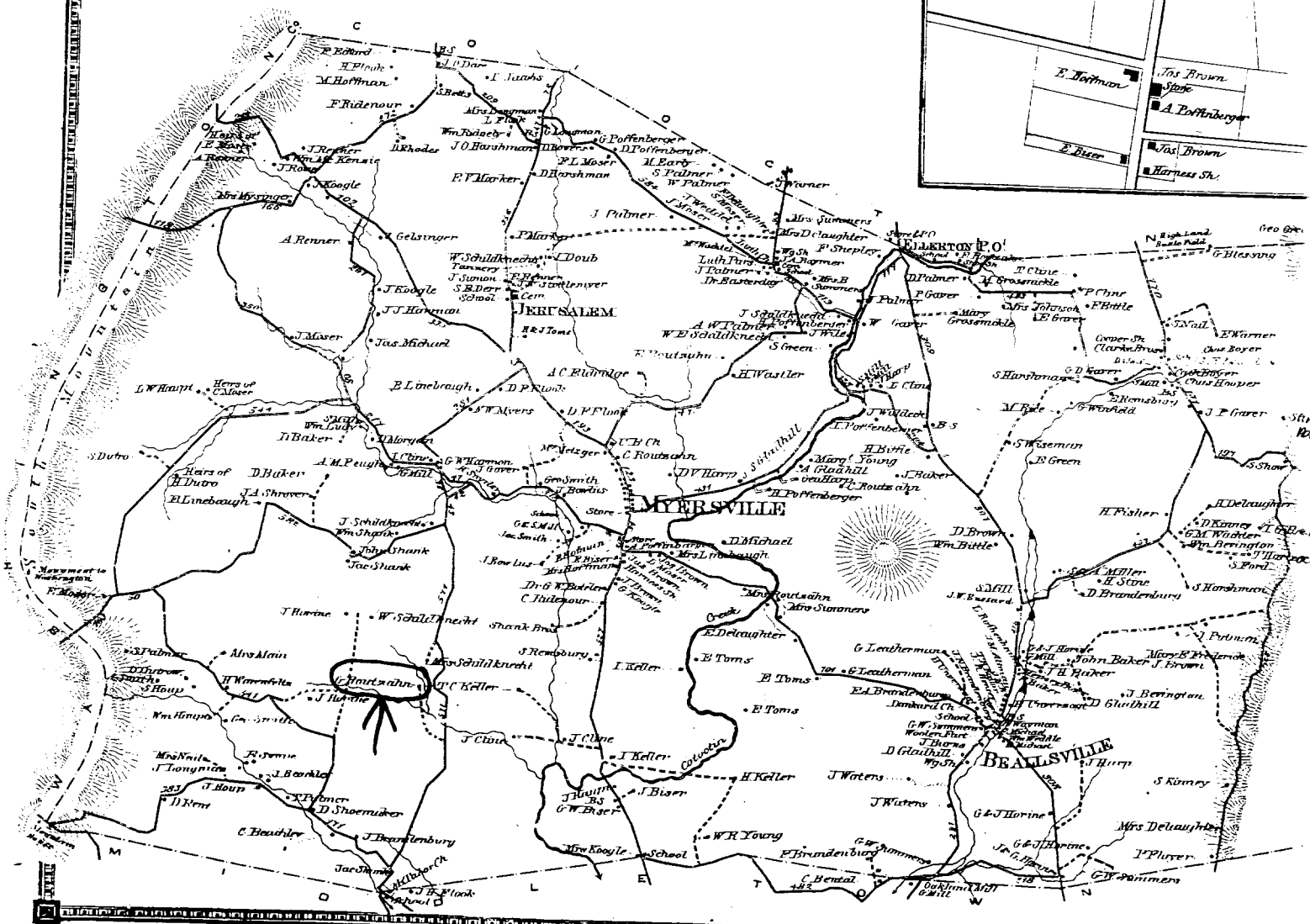
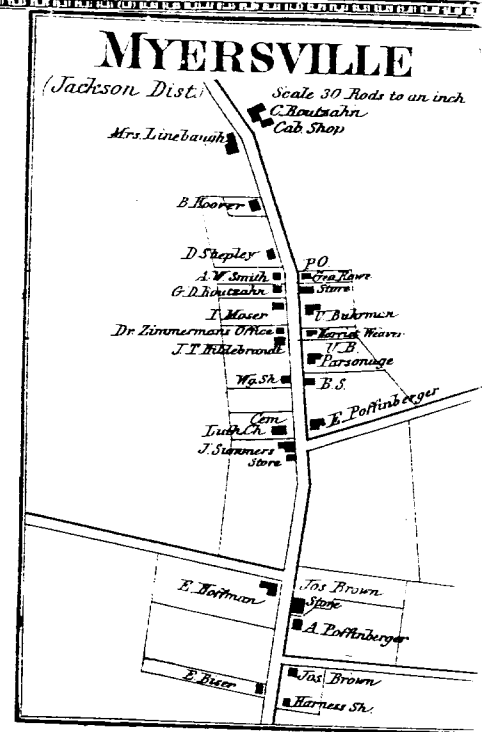
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick  
County, 1858

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Scale 2 Inches to the Mile



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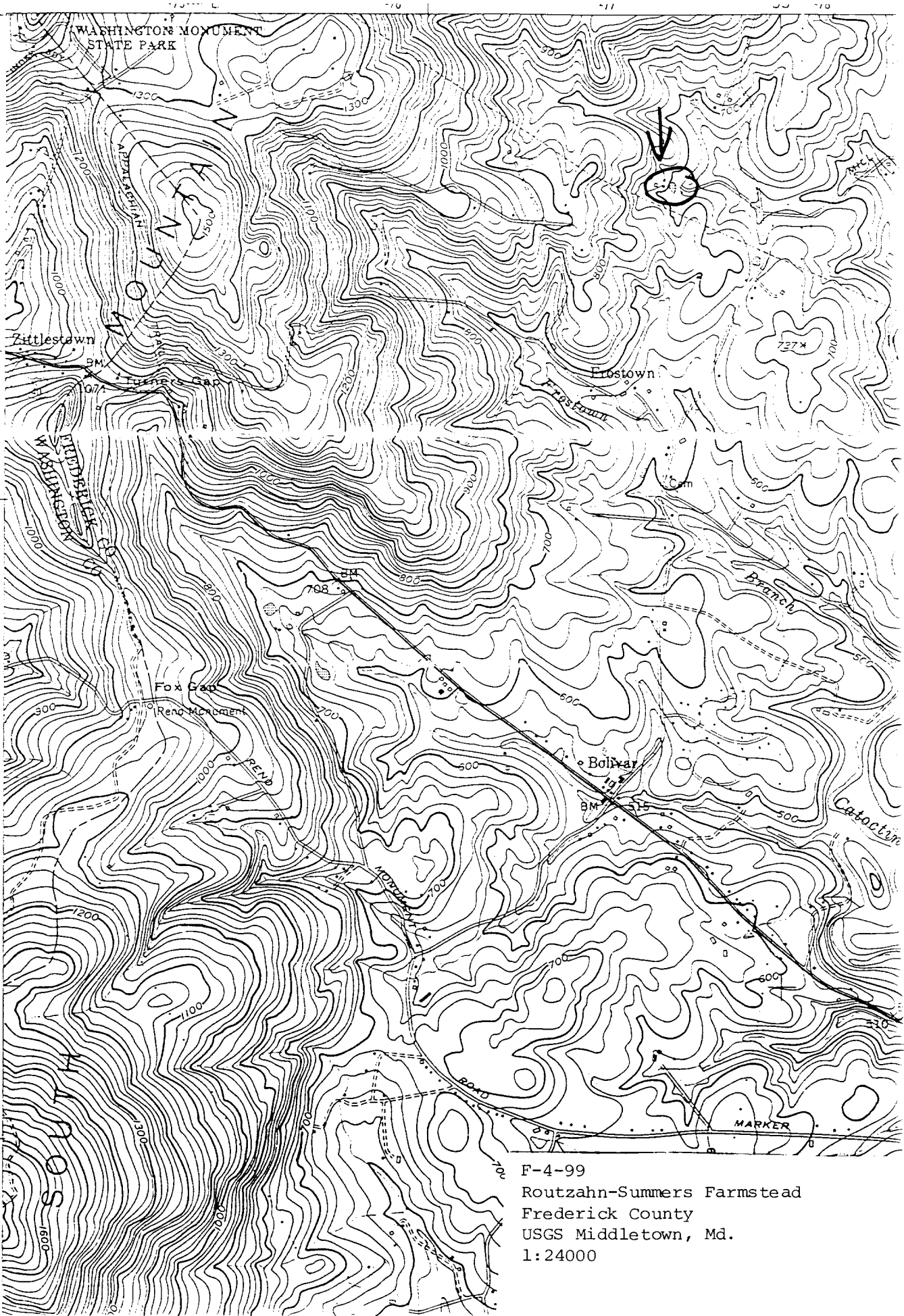
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Routzahn-Summers Farmstead  
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Neg. loc: Md. SHPO Crownsville Md.  
East elevation

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Routzahn - Summers Farmstead  
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.  
West elevation

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Routzahn-Summers Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Springhouse, northeast elevation

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Routzahn-Summers Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville Md

Smokehouse west elevation

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Rootzahii - Summers Farmstead

Frederick County

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Wagon shed / hog barn, north elevation

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Routzohr-Sommers Farmstead

Frederick County

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Born, east elevation

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